

**REMARKS**

Claims 21-41 are pending. Claims 21, 32, 34 and 41 are independent.

Claims 21, 24-36 and 41 are rejected for obviousness type double patenting over U.S. 6,696,563. Claims 21-41 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. 6,696,563 in view of Kossman *et al.* and Brown.

In order to remove these issues, applicants submit herewith an executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. 6,696,563. Applicants confirm that the present invention and that claimed in U.S. 6,696,563 were commonly owned when the present invention was made. Accordingly, both obviousness-type double patenting rejections are moot.

**CONCLUSION**

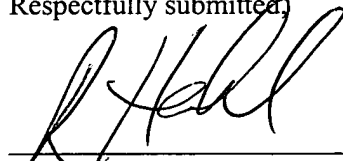
Applicants submit respectfully that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing other than the disclaimer fee. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

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